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For further information, please visit our web site → <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dcs>

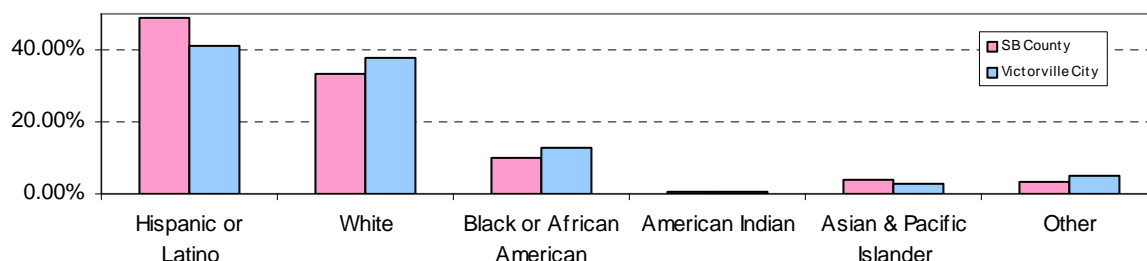
San Bernardino County Total Area*: 20,105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)
(Land Area: 20,052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



San Bernardino County
Brief Overview &
Population Comparison
with Victorville

	SB County		Victorville	
Total Population	1,709,434		64,029	
Under 18 Years	552,047		21,917	
<i>Ethnicity</i>				
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	9,055	41.31%
White	183,512	33.20%	8,312	37.92%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	2,804	12.79%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	102	0.47%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	555	2.53%
Other	19,765	3.60%	1,089	4.97%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)



Referral Information for Victorville (2006)

Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
Victorville	139.7 per 1,000 Children	4.5 per 1,000 Children
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 14% (139.7 :1,000) children less than 18 year old in Victorville had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.5% (4.5 :1,000) children were removed from their family in Victorville.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, Victorville has higher referral rate and foster care entry rates.

Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 2,209)	Number of Children (Total = 3,062)
Of all referrals received, 68.98% resulted in a CPS investigation:	1,345	2,394
Of all referrals received, 10.11% were found to be true:	167	314
Of all referrals received, 1.94% resulted in an open case:	73	157
Of all referrals received, 1.11% resulted in a child removal:	57	98

What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 2,849 child abuse reports in 2006 for 2,394 children.

The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. *One child can have more than one allegation.

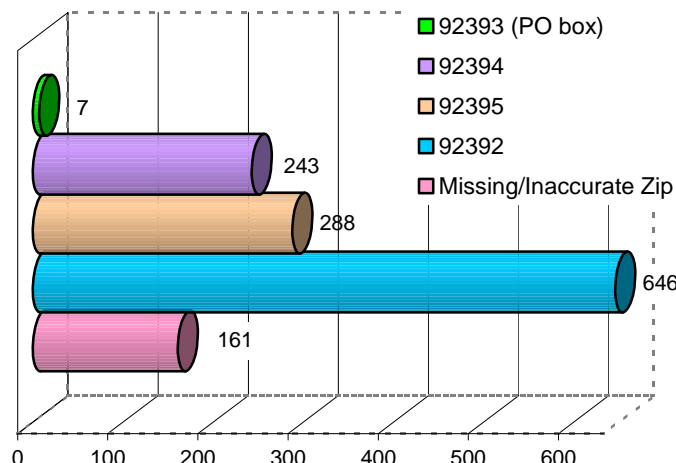
Types of Allegation	Children	%
General Neglect	1,189	41.7%
Physical Abuse	512	18.0%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	375	13.2%
Sexual Abuse	201	7.1%
Not Determined Jan07	193	6.8%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	167	5.9%
Severe Neglect	122	4.3%
Emotional Abuse	80	2.8%
Substantial Risk	8	0.3%
Exploitation	2	0.1%
Total Children	2,849	



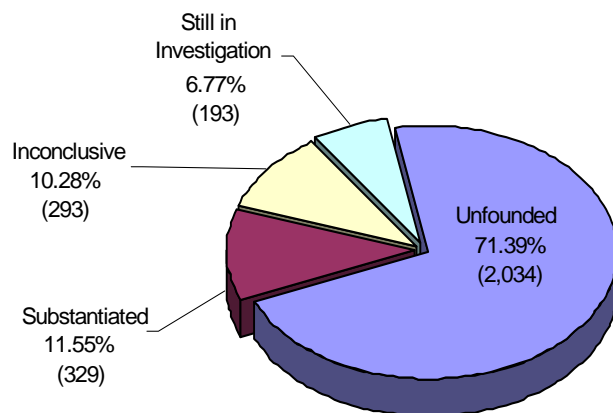
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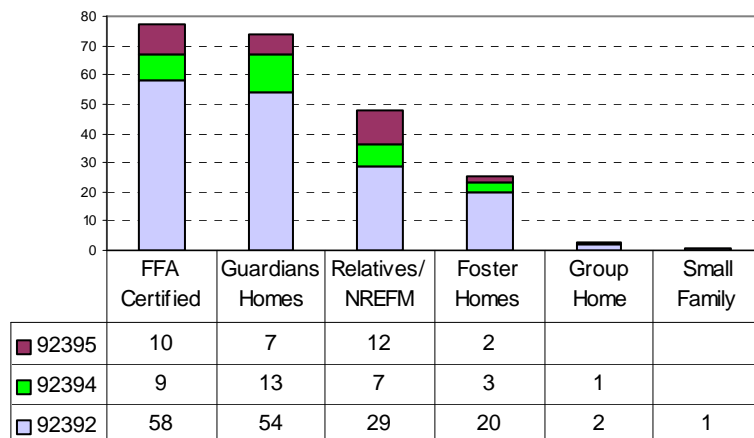
2 Allegations investigated in your city in 2006? 1,345 families were involved in investigations.



How the investigations were concluded? 2,849 allegations were investigated.



How many placement resources were in Victorville?



4 Where were children placed after they were removed in 2006?

98 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences. The following table indicates; the types of placement homes where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

Predominate Placement	Children
Court Specified Home	1
FFA Certified Home	45
Foster Family Home	14
Group Home	4
Relative/NREFM Home	32
Small Family Home	1
Regional Medical Center	1
Total	98

2 4 Is there disproportionality in the referral rate and child removal rate in child welfare?

Disproportionality in child welfare exists when any ethnic group has a higher rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total population. Black/African American children have higher rates of investigated referrals and removals compared to other ethnicities and the total population.

	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with an Investigated Referral	Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Children Removed in 2006	Removal Rate per 1,000
White	8,312	771	92.76	45	5.41
Hispanic/Latino	9,055	789	87.13	26	2.87
Black/African American	2,804	737	262.84	27	9.63
Asian & Pacific Islander	555	25	45.05	0	0.00
American Indian	102	9	88.24	0	0.00
Unknown		63			
Total	36,187	2,394	66.16	98	2.71

Foster Care Removal and Placement Outcomes for Children in Victorville (2006)

Of the 98 children removed from their families in 2006:

- 39 children have been reunified to date, 1 child died, 1 child ran away (re-entered foster care) and 57 children are still in care.
- Of the 57 children who are currently in care (1 child was removed twice (runaway)):
 - 35 children were not placed with relatives.
 - 13 children were placed in foster placements in Victorville, 21 children were in foster placements in other communities and 1 child was in a medical facility.
 - 22 children placed with relatives.
 - 7 children were placed with relatives in Victorville and 15 with relatives in other communities.